

Delta Conveyance Project

Modernizing California's Water Infrastructure | 2026



Question: Would upgrading Delta levees be better than a tunnel?

No, because levee improvements alone cannot protect water supplies from climate change.

Upgrading and maintaining levees continues to be important, but levees alone **will not protect** the reliability of the State Water Project (SWP) from:



The one existing SWP diversion location in the South Delta is currently constrained in its ability to capture high flows by:

- Location
- Water quality
- Fish
- Capacity

Upgrading levees will not resolve these limitations.

Rising sea levels

Changing precipitation patterns

Extreme weather events

Earthquake

Water Supply Benefit Comparison

Additional water that could have been captured in acre-feet

Water Year:	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
DCP	110,000	186,000	815,000	956,000	585,000
Through Delta	0	0	0	0	0

